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CHARGE YUGOSLAVIA OBSTRUCTS ALBANIAN REPATRIATION

Tirana, 3 March (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- Despite the charge of
the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug on 1 March that the Albanian govern-
ment has broken its agreement on the repatriation of Yugoslav citizens from
Albania, the Albanian government has been issuing exit visas to Yugoslav cit-
izens continuously. Since 28 September 1949, visas have been issued to about
28 Yugoslav families, a total of 56 persons. The Albanian authorities have
even provided the Yugoslav citizens with transportation to the Yugoslav border.

On the other hand, the Yugoslav government has constantly obstructed, and
continues to obstruct the repatriation of Albanian citizens from Yugoslavia.
Since 28 September 1949, the Yugoslav authorities have issued visas to only
four Albanian citizens. The Yugoslav government has not only refused visas
to Albanian citizens who applied for them, but has put pressure upon them to
force them to change their minds about returning to Albania.

The Albanian government has called the attention of the Yugoslav govern-
ment to this situation on eight different occasions, verbally or in writing.

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